

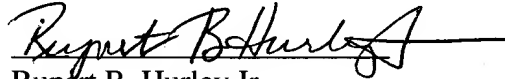
REMARKS

I. The Pending Claims and the Amendments to the Claims

With the entry of the amendment above, Claims 1 and 3-30 are pending. Claims 1-26 are as appealed, with no amendments having been made therein. Claims 27-30 are newly-presented. Each of Claims 27-30 depends from Claim 1 and recites a total free shrink at 85°C. Support for each of Claims 27-30 can be found on Page 28 lines 17-21 of the specification. The amendments include no new matter.

Entry of the amendments above, and consideration of the IDS filed herewith, are respectfully requested, with a view towards allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rupert B. Hurley Jr.

Reg. No. 29,313

Attorney for Applicants

(864) 433-3247

10 November 2006